



CURBSIDE RECYCLING



YES this Can be Recycled (Si esto se Puede Reciclar)



NO this Can't be Recycled (No esto no se Puede Reciclar)



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

In this Issue:

- Recycling Ordinance Update
- Construction & Demolition Recycling
- Ask Bonita Blue Bin
- Water Conservation Tips
- Get Growing at the Greenery
- Curbside Recycling Guide

Your questions are answered. Look inside.



Bonita Blue Bin

the Curbsider

Issue 6
Winter 2008

Recycling Ordinance UPDATE:

Since the City Recycling Ordinance took effect, San Diegans are eager to do their part, at home, work and play.



Beginning January 1, 2008, all San Diego residents who have the City's blue recycling bins are required to keep recyclables out of their black trash bin. For a larger or additional blue bin, call 858-694-7000.

Since February 18, all multifamily homes with 100 units or more and all commercial properties of 20,000 square feet or more are required to have on-site recycling.



Beginning January 1, 2009, multifamily homes with 50 units or more and commercial properties of 10,000 square feet or more are required to recycle. Then on January 1, 2010, all residents and businesses are required to recycle. Some exemptions will be granted.

We are here to help. For more information and technical assistance, visit www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/ or call 858-694-7000.

New City C&D Recycling Ordinance:

Effective July 1, 2008, the new Construction and Demolition (C&D) Recycling Ordinance requires applicants for certain building and demolition permits to pay deposits when their permits are issued by the Development Services Department. The deposits collected under the new ordinance are refundable if at least 50 percent of the waste generated by the project is diverted from landfill disposal.

Through compliance with the Ordinance, it is anticipated that about 200,000 tons of waste will be kept out of the landfill every year.

To qualify for the refund, the waste must be recycled through a certified C&D recycler or by reuse. Documentation must be provided with the refund request, including receipts for recycled materials and photographs for reuse/donation.

The City maintains a website (www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/cdrecycling.shtml) to assist in compliance with the Ordinance. The website includes a link to the Ordinance, a list of certified C&D recyclers, step-by-step instructions, including required forms, and tips for C&D recycling and diversion and more. Call 858-694-7000 to speak to a Recycling Specialist.



Black Mountain Ranch Construction Site, February, 2008

www.sdrecyclingworks.com • 858-694-7000

Dear Bonita Blue Bin,

In the last Curbsider I learned that the new City Recycling Ordinance requires anyone with a blue recycling bin to keep recyclables out of the black trash bin. I understand how beneficial recycling is to the environment and saving landfill space; however, with every-other-week collection, I will need a bigger recycling bin. Can I exchange my small container for a large one, or possibly get a second blue bin?

Sincerely,
Overflowing in La Jolla



In 2007 San Diego curbside customers recycled over 70,000 tons of material. Your achievement saved over 32,000 barrels of oil, or about 448,000 gallons of gas, enough to fuel over 900 cars for a year. Through recycling you also avoided generation of 46,000 tons of greenhouse gas. Thank you for caring for our planet.

Ask Bonita Blue Bin



Have a burning question about the mysteries of recycling? E-mail Bonita Blue Bin at sdrecyclingworks@sandiego.gov, or write to Bonita Blue Bin at City of San Diego Environmental Services Department, 9601 Ridgehaven Court, Suite 320, San Diego, CA 92123.

Dear Overflowing,

Thank you for your efforts to comply with the City's Recycling Ordinance. Recycling everything we can saves landfill space, reduces production of greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming, reduces water use and water pollution, and lessens energy consumption. With everyone doing their part to recycle, San Diegans will be treading more lightly on our planet.

There are two ways you can exchange your smaller recycling bin or get an additional one. You can pick up or exchange your bin at no charge at the ESD Collection Division operations station located at 8353 Miramar Place, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you prefer to have a container delivered to your home, there will be a delivery fee of \$25. To arrange for delivery, call Customer Services at 858-694-7000. Allow two weeks for delivery.

32-gallon (39"h x 20"w x 23"d)
64-gallon (40"h x 26.5"w x 28"d)
96-gallon (45.5"h x 29"w x 34"d)

Truly,
Bonita Blue Bin
Bonita Blue Bin

Water Conservation Tips for a Stage 1 Emergency

On June 4, 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger declared a statewide drought emergency, and on July 28, 2008 Mayor Sanders declared a water emergency for the City of San Diego, resulting in a Stage 1 Voluntary Compliance Water Emergency. The San Diego County Water Authority has issued a 20 Gallon Challenge for all County residents. To join the challenge and take the pledge to conserve water, visit www.20gallonchallenge.com/mypledge.html. Here are some tips to help you conserve water at home.

Outdoor Tips

- Add 2" to 3" of mulch around vegetation to retain moisture.
- Use compost as a soil amendment to increase the water holding capacity of your soil.
- Water landscape before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only to reduce evaporation.
- Reduce irrigation cycles by 1-3 minutes or eliminate one irrigation cycle per week.
- Water only after the top inch of soil is dry.
- Reset irrigation controls monthly.
- Adjust sprinklers to avoid over-spray and runoff.
- Keep sprinkler heads and irrigation systems in good repair.
- Install water-efficient drip irrigation.
- Install a weather based irrigation controller that adjusts watering times for the seasons.
- Landscape with native and drought tolerant plants.
- Use a broom to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- When home-washing vehicles (i.e., cars, trucks, and boats) use a bucket and use hose for quick-rinsing only.
- Cover swimming pool to reduce evaporation.

Indoor Tips

- Run dishwashers and clothes washers with full loads only.
- Turn off water when rinsing dishes.
- Turn off water when brushing teeth.
- Shorten showers.
- Fill the bathtub half full.
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets.
- Install low-flow faucets in the kitchen and bathroom.

Report water waste by calling 619-515-3500 and press "5".

For more information, visit www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/ or call 619-515-3500 (press 5) or 619-533-7485.



A growing production...

Many San Diegans know about the Miramar Greenery at the Miramar Landfill as a place to recycle yard and wood waste into landscaping and gardening products. It is also a place to close the recycling loop by using the high quality products made at the Greenery in your garden.

The Miramar Greenery produces several products that are available to the public. The most popular products are compost, mulch, and woodchips. Compost is a great soil amendment for gardens or potted plants. Mulch is used for weed suppression, dust control, erosion prevention, water conservation, and more. The woodchips come in a number of attractive colors for landscape ground cover.

These materials are available in bulk and require that customers bring their own containers. Supplies are limited. For details about pricing and how to purchase and use Greenery products visit www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/miramar/greenery.shtml or call Customer Service at 858-694-7000. Information is also available at the Miramar Landfill Fee Booth.

The colored woodchips are produced with long-lasting, environmentally friendly iron oxide dyes and make decorative ground covers. Pictured are the brown, red, and plain woodchips. Also available are black, natural and a red/brown mix.



RED WOODCHIPS



BROWN WOODCHIPS



PLAIN WOODCHIPS



MULCH

Mulch from the Greenery has undergone a high temperature pasteurization that kills weed seeds and disease-causing pathogens. Mulch is used for weed suppression, dust control, water conservation, erosion prevention, and more. Three grades of mulch are produced: 2", 3" and 4" standard. The 2" and 3" products are available by special order only, in volumes of 3,000 cubic yards or more. The 4" standard is normally available and no minimum purchase is required. For residents of the City of San Diego, self-loaded standard 4" mulch is free.



COMPOST

High quality compost that goes through a pasteurization process to kill weed seeds and pathogens is available for purchase. Compost is used to amend garden soil, to top-dress planters, and as part of potting mix. There are two grades available: 1/2" and 3/8." The 3/8" compost is available by special order only for minimum orders of 500 cubic yards. The first 2 cubic yards of the 1/2" compost are free to residents of the City of San Diego when self loaded.

Customer Service 858-694-7000

Our helpful representatives are happy to assist you with these City services

- Curbside recycling
- Yard waste recycling
- Trash collection
- Compost and mulch sales
- Household hazardous waste disposal
- Appliance recycling
- Electronics recycling
- Battery recycling
- Used motor oil & oil filter recycling
- And more...

www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/
or www.sdrecyclingworks.com